§ 26.116 Issuance of permit, Form 487B, and customs inspection.

If the application has been properly executed and the Secretary, or his delegate, finds that all internal revenue taxes imposed under 26 U.S.C. 7652(a), have been computed under the provisions of this part and have been paid or, pursuant to a sufficient bond, have been deferred under the applicable provisions of this part, he will execute his permit on all copies thereof, retain one copy of the form, return two copies to the shipper, and send three copies to the district director of customs in Puerto Rico. The shipper will submit the two copies of the Form 487B to the district director of customs at least six hours prior to the intended lading of the merchandise. The district director of customs will then inspect the merchandise covered by the Form 487B after which he will execute his certificate on each copy of Form 487B indicating all exceptions. If discrepancies appear indicating differences between the quantity covered by Form 487B and the quantity actually contained in the shipment or the improper tax payment of the merchandise, he will withhold release of the shipment and notify the Secretary of such discrepancies. Thereupon, such discrepancies must be corrected in the shipping documents and additional tax paid, if required, prior to release of the merchandise. The district director of customs, upon release of the merchandise for shipment, will retain one copy of the Form 487B, return two copies to the shipper, and send two copies to the district director of customs at the port of arrival in the United States, one of which should be mailed and the other dispatched on the vessel concerned for the guidance of the appropriate ATF officer who will handle the cargo. After the shipment has been cleared by the district director of customs in Puerto Rico, the shipper shall retain one copy of the Form 487B and send one copy thereof, with other shipping documents, to the district director of customs at the port of arrival.

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PROCEDURE AT PORT OF ARRIVAL

§ 26.117 Action by carrier.

The carrier of the merchandise specified on the Form 487B shall, at the time of unlading at the port of arrival in the United States, segregate and arrange the cases of liquors or articles for convenient customs examination and will assume any expense incurred in connection therewith.

§ 26.118 Inspection by district director of customs at port of arrival.

On receipt of properly executed Form 487B from the shipper and the copies of Form 487B from the district director of customs in Puerto Rico, the district director of customs at the port of arrival shall inspect the merchandise to determine whether the quantity specified on the Form 487B is contained in the shipment. He will then execute his certificate on each copy of Form 487B received and indicate thereon any exceptions found at the time of discharge. The statement of exceptions should show the serial number of each case or other shipping container which sustained a loss, the quantity of liquor reported shipped in such container and the quantity lost. Losses occurring as the result of missing bottles, cases, or other containers should be listed separately from empty containers and containers which have sustained losses due to breakage. Where the statement is made on the basis of bottles missing or lost due to other cause, the number and size of bottles lost should be shown. If the district director of customs finds that the full amount of the taxes due has not been paid, he will require the difference due to be paid prior to release of the merchandise in accordance with the applicable provisions of this part. When the proper inspection of the merchandise has been effected, and any additional taxes